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ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO-DAY.

The Committee to Make its Report at a Congregational Meeting This Afternoon-Sketch of the Talented Young Minister.

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The congregation will hold a meeting at 2 o'clock this afternoon to receive the report of the committee of nine appointed to recommend a successor to Rev. Dr. W. L. Wright, who resigned some three months ago, and that the committee's selection will be approved by the church there is little room for doubt.

The Nominating Committee is composed of Messrs. W. J. Westwood, S. E. Wood-



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UNDER A BROTHER'S PREACHING.

He had for years pursued studying law, and was expected to enter the law school at the University of Virginia that fall, when, in the spring of 1889, under the influence of a sermon preached by his oldest brother, Dr. Carter Halm Jones, during an interesting revival in Dr. Hawthorne's church, in Atlanta, he was brought to see it to be his duty to preach the Gospel. He then entered Washington and Lee University, and took a special course, after which he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and completed his course there in May, 1893, having in the mean time been pastor of the Baptist church at Richmond, Ky. In October, 1894, he entered the University of Virginia for a special course of study. Professors C. W. Kent and Noah K. Davis, after three months of the time he was there, he supplied the pulpit of the Charlottesville Baptist church, where large crowds were gathered, and he seemed to be lighted with his preaching. In 1895, he went as pastor of the Baptist church to Bardonia, Ky., where he has had a useful pastorate. Soon after going to Bardonia he was married to Miss May Turner, near Richmond, Ky.

OF A FAMILY OF PIONEERS.

Mr. Jones belongs to a family of five preachers—his father, Dr. J. William Jones, of this city, and his brothers, Dr. Carter Halm Jones, of Broadway Baptist church, Louisville; Rev. Edloe Pendleton Jones, of the First Baptist church, Columbia, Miss.; Rev. Howard Lee Jones, of the Baptist church of the Embassy, corner Madison avenue and Sixty-fourth street, New York, and himself.

A MODEL PIONEER'S WIFE.

His wife is well educated, accomplished, and agreeable, and in every respect a model pioneer's wife. Mr. Jones has been reared in the school of "old time" preaching, and preaches the old truths of the

OLD BIBLES with an earnestness born of profound conviction, with plainness, and pathos which wins, attracts, and moves.

If he is called to the pastorate of the Leigh-Street church, and should accept the call, he will enter, his friends predict, upon a career of wide and increasing usefulness.

VALUABLE RELICS RECEIVED.

Interesting Additions to the Collection in the Virginia Room. The valuable collection of relics in the Confederate Museum is constantly being added to. The following interesting relics have recently been received for the Virginia Room by Mrs. J. Taylor Ellison: Mr. B. W. Green sends a picture of the warship *Greenland*, with a list of the officers. Mrs. James B. Pace adds three very valuable and interesting war maps. A true plan of the battle near Leesburg, Va., fought October 21, 1861, from a drawing furnished by an eye-witness at the battle, and published by Mr. Bauman, at No. 181 Main street, Richmond; map showing the battle-grounds of the Chickahominy, and the position of the subsequent engagements in the retreat of the Federal army towards James river, and points of interest in connection with the siege of Fort Mifflin, and the important points around Petersburg in 1862.

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A THRIVING CLUB.

Should the membership of the Fulton Social and Athletic Club continue to increase as within the past two weeks, larger quarters will have to be sought for the accommodation of its members. Fifteen were added to the roll last Monday night, and a score the week previous, and it is said that the names sent in for ballot to-morrow night will make the roll of membership nearly 100. As the club is now in its infancy, the prospects for its future success are very bright. The interest manifested in its success is not alone centered in Fulton, as contributions have been received from persons who are not residents of the suburb. Captain Frank Cunningham very generously contributed 100 books to the library, which is exceedingly gratifying. The rooms are crowded nightly, and many of the young men are developing their muscles and learning the many art of self-defense.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. May have issued cards of invitation to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Grace R., to Louis Seay, a prominent young gentleman of Fulton. The happy event will be solemnized at Denny-Street Methodist Episcopal church next Wednesday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock. The candidates from Fulton who have announced themselves for municipal office are Messrs. Fred. W. Garber, J. H. Lawder, Jefferson Powers, and James A. Black. The latter is a candidate for election to the City Democratic Committee.

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Manatoka Tribe, I. O. O. R. M., Celebrates its Birthday. Manatoka Tribe, No. 83, of Red Men, celebrated its seventh anniversary last night in Lee-Camp Hall. The entertainment with which the occasion was marked was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and was in no way marred by the unfavorable state of the elements. The attendance was large, and the various numbers of the delightful programme were received with well-deserved applause.

WILL VETO WOMEN NOTARIES BILL.

It Is Thought Governor Tyler Will Refuse to Sign the Act.

It is regarded as pretty well assured that Governor Tyler will veto the female notary bill, though he has not stated that he will do so. His action will be based solely upon constitutional grounds. The Governor yesterday signed the anti-trading-stamp bill, in the presence of Mr. George McD. Blythe, who led the fight for the bill, and who was given the pen with which it was signed. The law goes into effect July 1st.

ONLY ONE TRANSFER NOW.

Passenger Privileges on Richmond R'y and Electric Lines Abridged.

The Richmond Railway and Electric Company, will, beginning with to-day, considerably abridge the privileges heretofore enjoyed by its passengers. An order has been issued to conductors to refuse to repurchase transfers, which means that many passengers who have hitherto ridden to their homes for 5 cents will have to pay an additional fare or walk. The rule is being explained in the following: A passenger entering a Barton Heights car to go to the Reservoir will be given a transfer to the Clay-Street line at First street, and can then ride on that transfer to the corner of Beech and Main streets. He will then have to pay an additional fare or walk a mile or two to the Reservoir. The rule applies as well to all branch lines.

Judge Lewis Not a Candidate.

There was a rumor current in the post-office building yesterday that Judge Lewis would be a candidate for the Richmond postmastership, and that the office would not fall to the lot of any of the candidates who have been named. The rumor was vigorously during the past few weeks. The rumor was emphatically denied by Judge Lewis himself, who said that such an idea had never been suggested, and that Judge Lewis himself said it was utterly without foundation.

Birthday Party.

Miss Ivy Nolte gave a delightful birthday party at the residence of her parents, 400 Brook avenue, Friday evening. Among the guests were friends present were Misses Grace Kramer, Carrie Stein, Carl Lee, Minnie Raby, Leonora Nolle, Lee Kramer, and Messrs. Bub, Booker, Day, Hooker, Jackie, Van de Veyver, D. A.; hymn of St. Benedict, by choir and the children; sermon on the "Life of St. Benedict," by Rev. Walter Yates, of Baltimore, Md.; solo, "Call of the Divine Power," by Miss Nellie Wright; song, "Near, My God, to Thee," Miss Nellie Wright, under the direction of Mr. J. Louis Sullivan.

THE NEWS-FULTON

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As the hounds were being taken back to the kennels one of the best had the misfortune to be badly crippled by one of the Lakeside electric cars.

Prominent amongst those in the saddle were Miss Blacker, Miss May Woodward, Dr. R. B. Teusler, Mr. Tomkins Melville, M. P. H. of the Rockaway Hunt Club, of Cedarhurst, N. Y.; Dr. Joseph A. White, Messrs. W. A. Hignobotham, William Reuger, L. C. Younger, F. Deane Meanley, M. H. Garnett, E. H. Savage, W. M. Leathley, T. M. Wortham, W. A. Townes, J. P. Anderson, J. Stewart Bryan, J. W. Talley, and H. B. Burnett.

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FINE PLAY BILL.

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AUGUSTIN DALY'S LATEST COMEDY.

"A Night Off" the Opening Attraction—"Prisoner of Zenda" Returns.

Melodrama and Romantic Comedy—Drama—Two New Plays.

Mr. Augustin Daly's company will appear at the Academy of Music to-morrow night in his bright comedy, "A Night Off," which was successfully produced last season in New York by Miss Ada Behan. Mr. Daly is, perhaps, the most remarkable man in the theatrical profession to-day, in that he owns and occupies solely with his own company the most exclusive and high-priced theatre in New York, where nothing but his own plays and reproductions are seen.

SPRING DAINTIES.

Other windows were filled with the latest designs and colors of dress goods for early spring, leading into the pink, blue, and green dainties of Swiss organdies, dimities, and linsens for summer. Then there are all sorts of waists and

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